

of you there and only one of you voted. I'm throwing out the judgment against Ernst & Young. This is the watchdog that the President has ultimate confidence in, a man who is so conflicted from his previous work, who represented many of these same securities firms, many of these same accounting firms, many of these same corporations and CEOs, he is so conflicted that when he was asked recently was it not a conflict of interest for him to meet with some officials from Xerox while there was an ongoing investigation, this is Harvey Pitt, our watchdog, our public servant. He said, If I recuse myself from meeting with everybody who I had represented or had personal relationships with, I wouldn't be able to meet with anybody. That is the man in whom President Bush is supposedly going to invest more authority to investigate and prosecute, a man who just came from representing these people and as soon as he is done with his public service will return to representing these same miscreants.

This certainly does not give me a great deal of confidence in the independent role and the aggressive role of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and it does not give me a great deal of confidence that the President is really serious about what he is doing here. Certainly there is a lot of political butt to be covered. Yes, he is doing a good job of that. But will he get serious? If he does not announce that he is removing Mr. Pitt, that he is going to have people who do not have conflicts of interest in charge of investigating and prosecuting these companies, people who could actually vote to prosecute, who would not have to recuse themselves because of those conflicts, then we will know he is serious. In 10 minutes we will hear.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord our God, protect us and guide us as a free people who turn to You in faith and prayer and who strive to grow in virtue and integrity. At this time of cultural, economic and social change, be with the Members of the House of Representatives in all their undertakings today. May the recent celebra-

tion of the birth of this Nation 226 years ago renew all hearts in the same spirit that guided the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Framers of this country's Constitution. May their goals and purposes still serve and guide every informed decision here today and across this Nation. "Let us, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity." Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, June 27, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House, Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed are copies of resolutions adopted on June 26, 2002 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the resolutions are being transmitted to the Department of the Army.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2684)

BIG SUAMICO RIVER, WISCONSIN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Big Suamico River, Wisconsin, published as House Document 498, 74th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications to the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of navigation improvements to Big Suamico River, Wisconsin, to include extension of navigation channel up the Big Suamico River for use by shallow draft craft.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2685)

OCONTO HARBOR, WISCONSIN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Oconto Harbor, Wisconsin, published as House Document 538, 61st Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications to the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of navigation improvements to Oconto Harbor, Wisconsin, to include extension of navigation channel up the Oconto River for use by shallow draft craft.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2686)

MILLIKEN-SACRO-TULOCAY BASIN, CALIFORNIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Napa River Basin, California, published as House Document 222, Eighty-ninth Congress, First Session, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of ecological recovery of the Milliken-Sacro-Tulocay groundwater basin, environmental restoration and protection of the Milliken-Sacro-Tulocay basin streams and Napa River, as well as flood damage reduction and other purposes.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2687)

LOWER WILLAMETTE RIVER WATERSHED,
OREGON

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Columbia and Lower Willamette Rivers below Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon published as House Document Number 452, 87th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine the feasibility of providing ecosystem restoration measures in the Lower Willamette River watershed from the Willamette Locks to confluence of the Willamette River with the Columbia River through the development of a comprehensive restoration strategy development in close coordination with the City of Portland, Port of Portland, the State of Oregon, local governments and organizations, Tribal Nations and other Federal agencies.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2688)

MISSISSIPPI RIVER PROJECTS, ILLINOIS AND
MISSOURI

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Mississippi River between Coon Rapids Dam, Minnesota, and the Mouth of the Ohio River, published as House Document 669, 76th Congress, 3rd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of environmental restoration and protection, aquatic habitat restoration, regional trails and greenways, public access, water quality, recreation and related purposes along the Mississippi River

and its tributaries and particular reference to that area in Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, and St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County, Missouri.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the American Gold Star Mothers and congratulate them for their 65th national convention. I want to send special thanks to my constituent, Georgianna Carter-Krell, the former national president, and Barbara Calfee, the national treasurer, whose tireless efforts made this convention a great success.

The American Gold Star Mothers is an organization of women who have lost a son or daughter while in the service of our country. They are compassionate, loyal women who channel their grief and sorrow into healing others through their many hours of volunteer service for veterans and their families.

I commend them for their hard work and dedication in helping those who were injured in the service of our country and also for their sincere efforts to instill and inspire the ideals of patriotism and love throughout our Nation.

PATRIOTIC PRAYERS IN SANTA ANA

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend Pastor Bob Orr and the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Santa Ana for their proud display of patriotism on July 7, this past Sunday. During their second annual picnic and barbecue to honor those who served in the military, those in attendance could be seen clutching their Bibles as they sang patriotic songs like the Battle Hymn of the Republic under eight United States flags that once had lain on the coffins of veterans of war.

What a wonderful display of national pride, Americans from different races and different cultures coming together at a church to celebrate the lives of those who fought to defend our country's freedom. The congregation of First Baptist has demonstrated to all Americans that regardless of religious beliefs, we are all united under one flag, representing one Nation under God, indivisible.

U.S. FORCES BOMB IRAQ AGAIN

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, since the Gulf War, our pilots have been patrolling the skies over Iraq, trying to keep Saddam Hussein contained and in check. On June 26 of this year, Iraqi forces fired an antiaircraft missile at our aircraft. We responded, of course, by shooting back and defending ourselves against this aggression.

Yet Saddam Hussein is much more than an enemy that regularly tries to kill or capture American pilots. The country Iraq is currently a significant part of the American economy by providing us with oil.

In the first quarter of this year, we bought \$1.2 billion of Iraqi oil, according to the Energy Information Administration. Where do my colleagues think this money goes? Mr. Speaker, it goes straight to Saddam Hussein's government, straight to the \$25,000 reward checks he gives to families of each Palestinian suicide bomber.

We import nearly a million barrels a day from this madman. More than 10 percent of our oil imports come from Iraq, and yet Saddam Hussein still would like nothing more than a downed American pilot to show the world.

It is time our energy policy got in line with our foreign policy. It is time to reduce our dependency on foreign oil. Mr. Speaker, if it is worth fighting for over there, it is worth exploring for here at home.

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN AMERICAN CORPORATIONS

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, people who rob and steal other people's money while sitting behind a desk in a corner office, wearing an expensive business suit, are no better than the common thief, burglar or pickpocket on the street, and they may be worse because those who committed fraud at Enron, WorldCom and Arthur Andersen have had every advantage and every opportunity our great Nation has to offer.

Instead of giving something back to the Nation that has given them so much, they stole, they robbed, they cheated, they defrauded. They hurt workers and families who depend on every paycheck and every investment they made. They hurt seniors whose retirement savings were devalued.

Mr. Speaker, free enterprise is part of our genius but so is honesty and integrity. So is honesty and integrity. It is time we start demanding those qualities from those who run and manage our businesses and from those who are supposed to enforce our laws, and for those who break that trust, the penalty should be equal to the enormous damage they cause.

GIVE PILOTS A FIGHTING CHANCE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on September 11 terrorists took over commercial flights by using only box cutters. No one would have known their evil intent, but now we have an opportunity to stop and deter future hijackings and acts of terror by arming our pilots.

The gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure chairman, and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA), the Subcommittee on Aviation chairman, offered a common sense solution for preventing the passengers and crews of commercial flights from becoming sitting ducks. Their bill, H.R. 4635, Arming Pilots Against Terrorism, would begin a 2-year test program allowing a percentage of the current pilot workforce to be armed and trained for proper use.

At least half of the Nation's commercial airline pilots have military or law enforcement backgrounds and are highly skilled and trained in self-defense. We trust pilots daily with our lives operating high-tech aircraft. I know we can depend on their competence as armed protection.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 4635 and give our pilots a fighting chance to protect innocent civilians from murderous terrorists.

NOT MUCH SOLACE IN PRESIDENT'S WORDS

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the President has spoken and I do not take, unfortunately, much solace in what he had to say. He talked about a lot of voluntary reforms on Wall Street. He talked about the fact he has been waiting for months for a little bit of money from Congress for the SEC. Yet he denied his own toothless watchdog, Harvey Pitt, the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, \$91 million just 3 months ago.

The President is born again into wanting to do something politically about the problem we have, but not really deal with the problems on Wall Street because that will offend some very powerful and very wealthy people, no matter how ill-gotten their gains.

The fox is still guarding the henhouse and the President did not offer us anything today except political rhetoric.

HONORING CORPORAL KENNETH JOHNSON

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Corporal Kenneth Johnson of the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Last Sunday morning, around 2:15